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Book Reviews.

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians. By JAMES DENNEY, B.D. The Expositor's Bible. New York : A. C. Armstrong & Son, 1894, pp. 387. Price, \$1.50.

This is a commentary that is profitable and interesting even for continuous reading. It is readable throughout. The language of the apostle is dissolved so imperceptibly into comment, and the whole is so like the original that the book seems simply a strong dilution of the epistle. One cannot but remark how completely the commentator identifies himself with his author, and lovingly makes his own words solely a mirror for the reflection of the profound meaning of the original.

The author finds the epistle full of references to Paul's life, and the elucidation of this experience in the light, so to speak, of a more modern and more fully expressed experience is one of the charms of the book. There may be, in this feature, a possible tendency to fullness of statement and the appearance of a slight homiletical element ; but this is hardly to be regretted in a commentary of such a nature.

The author is very close to the heart of Paul ; he talks familiarly of his meaning as a preacher does of his text. The apostle is a living preacher, for whom the author has the profoundest admiration.

The book is not wholly void of textual and grammatical comment. Wherever necessary, they are introduced in an unpretentious way, and rather enhance the value of the total result. An introductory chapter discusses the date and some of the particular questions of the epistle, putting it soon after our first epistle, at a time when the apostle had received news from Titus of the effect of the first letter. The close relationship of our two epistles is emphasized.

The book is divided into chapters, according to the advance of thought in the epistle, some chapters comprising many verses and others few. On the whole, the book is a very worthy number to rank with some of the other excellent volumes in the Expositor's Series.

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Original Notes on the Book of Proverbs, Vol. III. By Rev. S. C. MALAN, D.D. London : Williams & Norgate, 1893. Large 8vo. pp. 1-499.

This volume treats of chapters 21-31, thus completing the series. The notes upon each individual proverb are of two kinds : (1) Textual and critical, including a study of the Hebrew text and a comparison of this with the other versions. It is greatly to be regretted that here, as in the otherwise